



AB 617 Portside Community Steering Committee  
Meeting Agenda (**DRAFT NOTES**)  
09/24/2024  
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
Virtual Via Zoom  
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## Meeting Objectives

- Presentation and review of submitted applications to receive funding from the AB 617 incentives grants with an opportunity for the Community Steering Committee (CSC) to provide feedback on what mix of projects and equipment to potentially fund.
- Presentation, discussion, and opportunity to vote on the Portside Projects and Leases Expectations document.
- Presentation and feedback regarding Notice of Preparation for Austal USA Floating Dry Dock Project.
- Presentation about SDGE's Transportation Electrification Advisory Service (TEAS) to help customers in the medium/heavy duty transportation sector to aid customers in their transition from using gasoline/diesel vehicles to battery electric vehicles.

## Meeting Action Items

- [Approval of 8/27/2024 Meeting Notes and 9/24/2024 agenda.](#)
- [Approval of Portside Projects and Leases Expectations Document.](#)

## Agenda

(Meeting Facilitator: *Shalem Aboody-Lopez, SDAPCD Office of Environmental Justice*)

### I. Welcoming Remarks

- a. Review Meeting Objectives & Agenda
- b. Roll call Community Steering Committee (CSC) members
- c. General Updates
  - i. **Tim Garrett** (CSC Member, SANDAG): Clean Air Day is Wednesday, October 2, 2024. SANDAG encourages the San Diego region to take the pledge and walk, bike, carpool, or ride transit with MTS and NCTD for free on Wednesday, October 2. More information: <https://www.sandag.org/projects-and-programs/regional-initiatives/sustainable-transportation-services/clean-air-day>
  - ii. **Nick Cormier** (SDAPCD): SDAPCD is holding a public information session tomorrow, Wednesday, September 25 at 10am, on Draft Amendments to Rule 1200 & 1210 Toxic Air Contaminants (TAC). Intent of rule changes are to address some comments made by CARB as part of their recent district audit in how we add new and amended health risk values to those rules. **SDAPCD Draft Amendments to Rule 1200 & 1210 Toxic Air Contaminants (TAC) Fact Sheet** ([English](#) & [Español](#)). Please submit all written comments to Nick Cormier at [Nick.Cormier@sdapcd.org](mailto:Nick.Cormier@sdapcd.org) by no later than Wednesday, October 2, 2024.



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- iii. **Michelle Giro** (Port of San Diego): The Port is happy to announce the beginning of construction on Phase 1 improvements to Pepper Park. (Park expansion will occur in later phases after all approvals of the National City Balanced Plan.) The choice of improvements was influenced by community input. Phase 1 is expected to be completed in late 2025, and some parts of the park will be closed during construction. Port wanted to share since the park expansion is mentioned in the CERP and we know that many CSC members are interested in the project.
  - a. Press release: [Port of San Diego and Community Members Celebrate Groundbreaking of Pepper Park Phase 1 Improvements | Port of San Diego](#)
  - b. Public workshop summary: [Pepper-Park-May-2022-Workshop-Summary-Open-ended-Comments.pdf \(pantheonstorage.blob.core.windows.net\)](#)
  - c. National City Bayfront web page: <https://www.portofsandiego.org/projects/national-city-bayfront>
- iv. **Sara Giobbi** (CSC Member - NASSCO): NASSCO, has 3 electric buses in operation in the Portside community thanks to partnership with SDAPCD.

**II. Approval of 8/27/2024 Meeting Notes and tonight's agenda**

- a. MOTION to approve 8/27/2024 meeting notes and tonight's agenda by Tim Garret (CSC Member, SANDAG).
  - i. Seconded by: Nicholas Paul (CSC Member, EHC)
  - ii. Motion passes through voice vote.
    - Joesphine Talamantez (CSC Member, Community) abstains from approving notes as was not present at the last meeting.

**III. Presentation & Feedback: AB 617 Incentives Funding**

*(Kathleen Keehan, Chief, Emission Reduction Strategies, SDAPCD)*

- a) Questions and comments—none provided
- b) Community Feedback: Are you in favor of funding...
  - i) **Silvia Calzada** (CSC Member, Community): This is good news, love the updates. Especially the support for the community facing the TJ sewage issues. However, do we have any plans that are taking place for updating the Portside communities and future funding for giving away air purifiers in this community? Also concerned, in regards to fires (due to electric battery storage facilities).
  - ii) **Kathleen Keehan** (Kathy, SDAPCD): SDAPCD is hoping to restart the PAIR program next year and we intend to restart it after the TJ River air filter program. We do still have funding for this in the Portside community. Also working with applicants who apply for incentive funds to ensure they will work at the highest standards and have safeguards for fire protections.
  - iii) **Silvia Calzada** (CSC Member, Community): Would like detailed assessment—we are trying to get away from pollution and creating a



greater danger, a huge concern for families here. We cannot forget the Navy ship fire. Need that extra step. Thank you for the compassion and for addressing the language barriers.

- iv) **Janice Luna Reynoso** (CSC Member, Community): What investments have been made to the local fire departments, National City, even the military base, so they are prepared in case of such fires. Do they have the top-of-the-line equipment? We are in a time of natural disasters and our communities get hit the hardest—what investments have been made to plan for the next big thing?
- v) **Kathleen Keehan** (Kathy, SDAPCD): That is a great question, let us look into how we can support this.
- vi) **Nicholas Paul** (CSC Member, EHC): What does re-powering of a marine vessel mean exactly?
- vii) **Kathleen Keehan** (Kathy, SDAPCD): It means they take out old diesel engines and put in new, less polluting (lower emissions) diesel engines. The vessel itself still uses diesel.

#### IV. Action Item (Discussion & Vote): Portside Projects and Leases Expectations Document

- a. *Shalem Aboody-Lopez, SDAPCD Office of Environmental Justice shared* Background information on the document's purpose.
- b. Questions and comments
  - i. **Nicholas Paul** (CSC Member, EHC): Subcommittee has been wrestling for 6-7 months with what this document could look like. Sal and I presented and took in feedback and incorporated it into this document. And this document gets to some of those initial concerns of residents of wanting initial project details earlier on in the process to be able to weight community benefits.
  - ii. **Lesley Nishihira** (CSC Member, Port of San Diego): Thank you and the Port is very focused on implementing the MCAS and that's where we believe the efforts really should be. And we are very concerned what will come of this expectation document will be and that it will be inconsistent with the adopted MCAS AND CERP.
  - iii. **Maritza Garcia** (CSC Member, Community): Thanked subcommittee for work & time to create document. Important to have this document. We worked so hard to create the CERP and MCAS and emphasized how great the celebration was and none of the things in this document puts a damper on these goals. As a community member, the interpretation of policies before has always been for the benefit of dollars and industry, and we've never had the privilege of being able to interpret it for the benefit of our community and our needs. The document makes it easier for everyone to see what the community requires to have good industry neighbors—we can achieve that. Need a different mindset to get to that.
  - iv. **Tim Garrett** (CSC Member, SANDAG): I really appreciate the reorganization of the document. It's come a long way. It highlights



consistency with the CERP and how it is or is not consistent. Want to float the idea of multiple votes, explicitly a vote on what is consistent with the CERP and a vote on what is not consistent with the CERP and the final result would adopt 1 or 2 of those.

- v. **Salvador Razo Abrica** (CSC Member, SANDAG): The idea of this was to listen or bring forward the concerns of the community and identify where the MCAS and CERP align with it. Because the CERP and MCAS are not all inclusive. It allowed for the community to be heard and the concerns to be addressed through this document. For them (community members) to be able to have their voice heard as early as possible. It is helpful for the community the way it is currently presented in this document. I disagree in separating the 2 because this is a document in itself. We can't say the community is being heard at the level that is expected because the level of outreach it not currently measured, but this document provides for that outreach to be measured and the accessibility to be accounted for.
  - vi. **Sara Giobbi** (CSC Member, NASSCO): As I understand it the focus of the document is entirely on port tenants and businesses and there are not expectation set for City of SD?
  - vii. **Shalem Aboody-Lopez** (SDAPCD): It's for any agency in this area. Advancing projects in the cleanest ways is the objective to bringing the cleanest air to the communities.
  - viii. **Sara Giobbi** (CSC Member, NASSCO): I see a lot of projects off the port that are not being addressed the same as the waterfront tenants as could be, as they build roadways and transit hubs, and it's starting to feel very one sided.
  - ix. **Shalem Aboody-Lopez** (SDAPCD): That is why this document addresses anything within the Portside communities, not just the waterfront.
- c. **MOTION to approve the document by: Nicolas Paul** (CSC Member, EHC)
- i. **Seconded by: Maritza Garcia** (CSC Member, Community)
  - ii. **Jack Monger** (CSC Member, IEA): Will abstain from voting. The language in the first paragraph describes something different from what the CERP was expected to do and address issues that have existed longer than this committee has existed. Has the committee had any direct communication with the Port district on their community outreach for their participation? This seems to be redundant and unnecessary. CERP we all worked so hard on contains a variety of action items, I would love to see focus on those going forward and making sure we are accomplishing those, now we have another evening spent on this document taking up time in our agenda.
- a. **SUBSTITUTE MOTION by: Tim Garrett** (CSC Member, SANDAG) to approve only parts of the document that are consistent with the CERP as outlined on Slide 20.
- i. **Seconded by: Jack Monger** (CSC Member, IEA)



- ii. **Nicolas Paul** (CSC Member, EHC): I’m concerned about splitting up the document, the addition of early outreach, and informing the CSC and labor would be cut and it is a community identified priority addition.
- iii. **Janice Luna Reynoso** (CSC Member, Community): Also concerned about the document being split. A good opportunity for what the community is wanting. The CERP, is not a static document, it needs to grow with the community’s needs. It’s very important for us as community members to document what community members are asking for, even if it is only in spirit.
- iv. **Maritza Garcia** (CSC Member, Community): I want to echo what has been said. Frustrating to have to have these same conversations. We really need to get away from old mindsets. Community is looking at a more holistic approach. When community is not involved. This is the space and time to talk about this, is not a waste of time, it is important and long overdue. As community members that live here and have for generations. This substitute motion is not benefiting anyone other than those that have always been benefited (industry/business).
- v. **Joesphine Talamantez** (CSC Member, Community): How does a substitute motion go into effect when we haven’t had a full-bodied discussion on the first motion?
  - A) **Shalem Aboody-Lopez (SDAPCD) and Domingo Vigil (SDAPCD)**: Procedurally at any point in the discussion a substitute motion can be proposed and then that is voted on before the previous motion. If substitute motion passes we do not vote on original motion.
- vi. **Keith Cory** (CSC Member, **City of San Diego**): Asked for clarification on the motion.
- vii. **Nicolas Paul** (CSC Member, EHC): Provided clarification. First motion is to approve Portside project lease and expectation document in its entirety.
- viii. **Maritza Garcia** (CSC Member, Community): Seconded clarification of the motion.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION VOTE (by roll call):** Motion to approve parts of the document that are consistent with the CERP as outlined on Slide 20.

Motion by: Tim Garrett (CSC Member, SANDAG)

Seconded by: Jack Monger (CSC Member, IEA)

<b>Total Yes/Aye</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Total No/Nay</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Total Abstain</b>	<b>3</b>

**Substitute motion fails.**



**ORIGINAL MOTION VOTE (by roll call):** Motion to approve the Portside projects and lease document in full.

Motion by: Nicolas Paul (CSC Member, EHC)

Seconded by: Maritza Garcia (CSC Member, Community)

Total Yes/Aye	11
Total No/Nay	0
Total Abstain	6

Original motion passes.

**V. Presentation: Notice of Preparation for Austal USA Floating Dry Dock Project**

(Eric Luther, SDAPCD) <https://www.sdapcd.org/content/sdapcd/planning/ceqa.html>

- a. Eric Luther presented the Notice of Preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Austal USA Floating Dry Dock Project. Comments can be provided until October 3, 2024. Please provide to [Eric.luther@sdapcd.org](mailto:Eric.luther@sdapcd.org)
- b. Questions and comments
  - i. Nicolas Paul (CSC Member, EHC): potential of introducing another air toxic hotspot is a big community concern. Will there be a study of the potential cancer-risk. Is that included in past EIRs? I think it may be framed as GHG emissions?
  - ii. Eric Luther (SDAPCD): For this project there will be a health risk assessment and an air quality impact analysis and any cumulative impacts, it should be addressed as part of this. Through this notice of preparation, comments in regards to what you might want to see in the EIR is right now. When that period closes there will be an EIR produced and there will be a public process with comments once the EIR is out.



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**VI. Presentation: Transportation Electrification Advisory Service (TEAS)**  
(Jonathan Torres, SDGE)  
**Presentation rescheduled for October meeting.**

**VII. Public Comments - NONE**

- a. Reserved for comments on items not listed on the agenda
- b. Each speaker is limited to 3 minutes

**6:55 pm**

**VIII. Closing Remarks**

*Shalem Aboody-Lopez, SDAPCD Office of Environmental Justice):*  
Thank you all for being here this evening.

**7:00 pm**

**IX. Adjourn**

Our next meeting will be 10/22/2024 and it will be virtual via zoom

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